

Assessing payment adequacy: Long-term care hospital services

ISSUE: By law, each year the Commission is required to review Medicare payment policies and to make recommendations to the Congress. The Commission asks whether payments to long-term care hospitals (LTCHs) are adequate and how they should be updated in 2014.

KEY POINTS: At this meeting, we will review information about the adequacy of current aggregate LTCH payments. We will look at information about beneficiaries' access to care, the supply of LTCHs, changes in the volume of services furnished, quality of care, providers' access to capital, and Medicare's payments and costs.

ACTION: Commissioners should review the findings in preparation for voting on the draft recommendation.

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